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Facebook can aid ideologues



Zuckerberg

**By Lauren Etter, Vernon Silver
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Bloomberg News

Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg says his social network is a politically agnostic tool for its more

than 2 billion users, but the company is no bystander in global politics.

What Zuckerberg hasn't said is that his company works with political parties and leaders, including those who use the platform to stifle opposition,

sometimes with the aid of "troll armies" that spread misinformation and extremist ideologies.

The initiative is run by a little-known Facebook global

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Health-care sign-ups down only slightly

By Catherine Candisky
The Columbus Dispatch

More than 233,000 Ohioans signed up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act during the open-enrollment period for 2018 that ended last week.

That was down slightly from the 239,000 who signed up last year, when the enrollment period was twice as long and 10 times more was spent on advertising and outreach.

Nationwide, 8.8 million Americans chose a plan by the Dec. 15 deadline, according to federal officials, a bit behind the 9.2 million who signed up for coverage for 2017.

The data provided Thursday by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services represent enrollment only in the 39 states that use the federal health-care marketplace — HealthCare.gov — to sign up for coverage. The remaining states and the District of Columbia run their own health exchanges, many which have extended deadlines.

The enrollment numbers beat the expectations of many.

"This is fabulous," said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, which has helped people sign up for coverage.

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Snow isn't essential to set the holiday mood. Green and red lights do the trick at the Statehouse. [ADAM CAIRNS/DISPATCH]

If it's white, it'll be light

Only slight
chance of
snow on
Christmas

By Marion Renault
The Columbus Dispatch

If you're dreaming of a white Christmas, keep dreaming.

Historically, the odds of a snow-capped Christmas

Day are not great in central Ohio: The most-recent white Christmas was marked by a paltry inch of the white stuff in 2010.

We could see flurries on Christmas Eve, but the chances of a truly white

Christmas in central Ohio are slim.

"There seems like an outside chance of it this year," said Jim Lott, a meteorologist for the

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Inside today: final CbusNEXT section

To wind up its series, The Dispatch reached out to community members to hear what you want for the future of Columbus. Many hope the city will be better in 20 years, not bigger. Downtown skylines are OK, though. Another finding: Most people love this city.



Most of world's nations defy Trump's threats

In a reproach to the administration, the U.N. overwhelmingly voted Thursday for a resolution meant to condemn America's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, ignoring President Donald Trump's threats to punish countries that voted against Washington. / A3

Spending bill puts off tough decisions

Congress passed another short-term spending bill designed to put off deliberation of several thorny issues until January. The bill does, however, prevent a government shutdown just before Christmas, and it allows lawmakers to head home for the holidays. / A6

